

Subject: Presidents Report for June 19th (REVISED)

I can't believe that I have had the position of President for the last two years, these 24 months have just flown by too fast and it has definitely been a great learning experience for me. Looking back, the Commission has had a number of empty seats ever since I took office. We also have had three Commissioners on Medical leaves of absence or issues that have prevented them from attending on a regular basis. Despite these issues the Commission has been able to hold onto a 50 Percent quorum rate, which I wish could have been higher. I hope my successor will be able to increase this rate over time during this next year so that our voice will be heard. We have also begun to work on setting up a committee structure which was one of my original goals.

Thanks to Commissioner Neal, we have had two very successful Access Awards Luncheons that have assisted ten of our Scholarship Honorees plus our venue has moved closer to this building which will make it easier for Supervisors to attend. We have gained approval for the dedication of the Second Floor Ramp in the Memory of Ernest T. Hamilton, Jr.

We have also succeeded in writing a Board letter to the Board of Supervisors about ACCESS Services expressing our desires to improve all services to people with disabilities living in Los Angeles County. We have also succeeded in filling our vacated Seat on their Board.

Whoever takes over my position I think we should find someone within DPSS that directly supervises the IHSS program to come and talk with us about constituent concerns with processing of claims. I request staff work closely with the upcoming Executive Committee to assure these concerns are addressed. I also believe that we should act on various issues that will affect people in all disability categories so that everyone is included.

In 4 or 5 days I will be leaving the Country for about a month, in the Philippines, as this is what my youngest wanted for her HS Graduation and 18th Birthday gift. I'm sorry that I will miss my ABSOLUTE favorite event that happens each year, THE PRESENTATION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IN FRONT OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. It gives me so much pleasure to witness this presentation, each year. It has been a true pleasure to serve this Commission, Thank You Commissioner Neal, Emma, Roy, Audra, and everyone else at this table for your continued support.